

1. Claims have been renumbered as shown below:
  - Claims 8 and 23 have been renumbered as claims 1 – 2 respectively.

***Response to Amendment***

2. Applicant's amendment filed 3/24/2008 has been fully considered and as a result claims 8 and 23 are now allowed.
3. Claims 8 and 23 are allowed.
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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